



Going Beyond: South America

Make the most of your fall semester by joining us on an epic experience in Peru and the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. For eight weeks, students are invited to live, volunteer, and immerse themselves in the cultures of three very unique communities in: Peru - the Amazon Jungle and Historical Cusco, followed by San Cristobal, the Capitol of the famed Galapagos Islands off of the Ecuador coast. Students will engage with both the societies and the beautiful natural environments of these special places.

You'll gain exposure to multiple fields to help you start building a vision for your future or simply as the most powerful and enduring form of education—hands on experience. You'll be involved in animal rehabilitation deep in the jungle, community outreach and archaeology in the former Incan Capital, Peru and conservation and education in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador.

Take this opportunity to learn by doing with a group of your peers in a structured, safe and stimulating program.

Projects Abroad is a global leader in student travel and has been working in Ecuador and Peru for close to twenty years managing numerous community focused projects including disability care, education, and conservation initiatives.

After running volunteer and internship programs for over 30 years, **Projects Abroad** is able to provide the gold standard of safety for our project participants.

Through pre-departure measures and expert staffing, our interns are able to experience hassle-free travel while making a real, tangible impact.

Key Facts

- ▶ **Locations:**
Puerto Maldonado, Peru
Cusco, Peru
San Cristobal, Ecuador
- ▶ **Length:** 8 weeks
- ▶ **Student Ages:** 17-24
- ▶ **Included:**
Accommodations, meals, transport from accommodation to work placement, weekend excursions per itinerary, weekly activities, 24-hour support, Spanish lessons, pre-departure support, flight advising.
- ▶ **Not Included:**
Personal activities, visas, flights.
- ▶ **Accommodation**
Homestay /
Conservation Lodging





Going Beyond: Itinerary

**Arrive in the Amazon Rainforest,
live and work in the jungle on an Eco Reserve**

Machu Picchu

**Travel to Cusco, Peru,
Community Outreach, cultural orientation**

**Fly to Ecuador, and arrive on San Cristobal,
one of the Galapagos Islands**

Trip to Santa Cruz Island

Youth Development and Education

Start your Gap Semester at Taricaya Reserve, working with local animals and participating in pilot farm and habitat management projects. Over the weekend, take a trip to the nearby city of Puerto Maldonado.

At the end of your two weeks in Cusco, you will travel by bus, train and trail to the ancient city of Machu Picchu, a UNESCO world heritage site and the best preserved Incan ruins in the world.

The second half of your time in Peru will be spent in the beautiful city of Cusco, the old capital of the Inca Empire and current cultural capital of Peru. Work on Community outreach projects in local schools and communities, have cultural workshops, and take Spanish lessons.

Over the next two weeks you will work on our Conservation project in San Cristobal Island. Work with local experts on eco system management, Giant tortoise conservation and Sea Lion management.

Take a weekend trip to Santa Cruz island and learn more about Darwins expedition and see some of the most famous unique Galapagos animals.

For your final two weeks, you will work on a variety of youth development and education initiatives. From English teaching, assisting in classrooms, and after school activities, you will be working closely with the community and our local staff.